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### **BOARD APPROVES SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS' REQUEST TO SUBMIT 'SUSTAINABLE CORRIDORS' GRANT APPLICATION TO HUD TO SUPPORT LOCAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING**

**LOS ANGELES** – Asserting that the resources will support multi-jurisdictional and integrated planning in key transportation corridors throughout the County, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas today urged the Board to authorize the submittal of the “Sustainable Corridors” application for submittal under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

HUD is soliciting applications to support metropolitan and multi-jurisdictional planning efforts that integrate housing, land use, economic and workforce development, transportation, and infrastructure investments. The program’s intent is to empower jurisdictions to consider the interdependent challenges of economic competitiveness and revitalization, social equity, inclusion, access to opportunity, energy use, and climate change, public health, and environmental impact.

“Concentrating development along existing and planned transportation corridors is one of the primary strategies for improving mobility, fostering livability, enabling prosperity, and promoting sustainability for future generations,” Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said.

“To this effect, the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority is facilitating a consortium of regional stakeholders to apply for a grant to look at “Sustainable Corridors.”

The Supervisor added that the consortium participants will include the Southern California Association of Governments, the City of Los Angeles, the Gateway Cities Council of Governments, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, the Westside Cities Council

of Governments, the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments, the Los Angeles Regional Collaborative, and Move LA.

The Board directed the Department of Regional Planning to take all appropriate actions to apply for the grant funds, including execution of the application. The Board also authorized Metro to be the administrator of the grant, if awarded.

“The Sustainable Corridors project will connect a regional vision with community-based goals, local land use policies and implementation resources,” the Supervisor said.

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